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- Several reliable sources report that the Ediciones Pueblos Unidos (EPU), a publishing firm located at Calles Colonia and Tacuarembó, Montevideo, Uruguay, is the center of distribution and publication of Russian propaganda and literature for Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. Known facts concerning the EPU are that it has concentrated its efforts on providing and selling books and publications of Russian writers and Soviet personalities. The EPU has expanded its business since it was founded on 8 September 1943, and is now dealing with book stores in the following countries: Paraguay, Venezuela, Peru, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Argentina. For sources of its books and publications the EPU uses Meshdunarodnaya Kniga, an international book company in Moscow; Helen Black, 15 W. 44 St., New York City, who is the representative of the Preslit Literary Agency of Moscow; Editions Hier et Aujourd'hui and Bureau d'Echanges Intellectuels, both in Paris.
- At the time of its organization, the EPU possessed a capital of 7,500 pesos (Uruguayan). In February, 1947, one week after the arrival of Russian Minister Gorelkin in Montevideo, the capital of EPU increased from the original 7,500 to a total of 55,000 pesos (Uruguayan). When it became incorporated in 1946, the capital of the firm was fixed at 200,000 pesos (Uruguayan), with provisions for an expansion of this capital to 1,000,000 pesos (Uruguayan). It is further stated that at the present time the EPU is in debt to the sum of \$60,000 (U.S.) to the Meshdunarodnaya Kniga in Moscow.
- Original investors in the enterprise were: Moises Dimenstein, Samuel Dimenstein, Abelardo Castiglione, Estanislao Marzi, Jose Luis Massera, Luis de Leon, and Pedro Pablo Bono. The board of directors for the next five years includes: Marzi, Castiglione, de Leon, Fernando Sierra, and Juan Carlos Perez Ortega. Massera and Moises Dimenstein are among the substitute members of the board. It was publicly stated in 1945 by Rodney Arismendi, a leading Uruguayan Communist, that Ediciones Pueblos Unidos was controlled by the Communist Party of Uruguay, and that this control was exercised through stock held by friends of Arismendi. One source reported, concerning the connection of Arismendi with the EPU, that there existed a Communist Party Committee of Propaganda for Latin America with Arismendi as chairman. A second source stated that he believed the latter committee was one set up to edit a Russian propaganda bulletin, and that this committee had very close ties with EPU. It has been established that three employees of the EPU are frequent visitors to the Soviet Legation and that all employees of the EPU had references and recommendations from the Communist Party of Uruguay. It has also been said that the Counselor of the Soviet Legation, Evgueni D. Denisenko, checks the books of the organization on his regular visits to the EPU.

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4. The present manager of EPU, according to reports received, is Mauricio or Moises Dimenstein, who is said to have a capital investment of 5,000 pesos (Uruguayan). Source states that the EPU has twelve employees and five salesmen. Only two of these employees are Russians, but all are said to be Communists.
5. About one year ago, a branch of EPU was established in Buenos Aires, and source is of the opinion that the center of Russian propaganda distribution and publication activities was at that time transferred from EPU, Montevideo, to EPU, Buenos Aires. This opinion is not confirmed by other sources, however.

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